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SUBJECT: EVALUATION BY CHIEF OF MISSION OF PERSONNEL LEVELS

**REF: STATE 201122** 

1. I HAVE CAREFULLY REVIEWED THE PERSONNEL LEVELS AND STAFFING PRIORITIES FOR FY 78 OF ALL AGENCIES ATTACHED TO THIS MISSION. MY APPRAISAL HAS BEEN BASED ON THE STRONGLY HELD PERSONAL CONVICTION THAT A LEAN, HARD PRESSED EMBASSY IS DEMONSTRABLY A MORE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE INSTITUTION THAN A BLOATED YET OVERWORKED ONE. IN SHORT, MY PERSONAL PREDELICTION IN NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD BE TO CUT BACK AND PERHPAS LATER REGRET DOIN SO.

2. EVEN A CURSORY ASSESSMENT OF THE PRESSURES AND DEMANDS WHICH THIS MISSION FACES IN THE COMING MONTHS IN (A) SUPPORTING THE PRESIDENT'S MIDDLE EAST PEACE INITIATIVES, AND (B) CONTAINING THE STRESS AND STRAIN THESE INITIATIVES INEVITABLY WILL PLACE ON U.S.-ISRAELI RELATIONS, LEADS ME TO CONCLUDE THAT FOR THE MOMENT, AT LEAST, WISDOM SHOULD TRIUMPH OVER VALOR. I DO NOT, THEREFORE, RECOMMEND ANY CUTS OF STAFF OR RESOURCES IN THIS MISSION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

3. I HAVE COMMITTED MYSELF AND MY IMMEDIATE SUB-ORDINATES TO KEEP THIS SITUATION UNDER CONTINUOUS REVIEW. I CAN ASSURE THE DEPARTMENT THAT SHOULD CIR-CUMSTANCES CHANGE LEADING ME TO JUDGE THAT CERTAIN PROGRAMS WE ARE CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN HAVE BECOME MARGINAL TO OUR ESSENTIAL INTERESTS IN ISRAEL, I SHALL HAVE NO HESITATION IN RECOMMENDING THAT THEY BE TERMINATED FORTHWITH.

4. I WILL BE IN WASHINGTON ON CONSULTATION BEGINNING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 AND, IF REQUIRED, WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ANY FURTHER ELABORATION OF MY POSITION TO THOSE CHARGED WITH THIS STUDY.

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